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SUBJECT: Highest and High Priority Targets for Western USSR,
the Far East and European Satellites

1. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee has prepared for the guidance of AQUATONE Operations a revision of Highest and High Priority Targets for Western USSR, the Far East and European Satellites in separate lists.

2. Highest Targets: These are thirty-five in number and are selected with the greatest of care, having been weighed against vital needs to solve three intelligence problems, namely,

a. Targets which relate to the Soviet guided missile capability against the United States.

b. Targets which relate to the Soviet long range aircraft capability.

c. Targets which relate to the Soviet nuclear production capability.

These targets are marked by an asterisk in the Western USSR and Far East target lists for ready reference.

3. High Priority Lists for Western USSR and the Far East:

These lists should be used in the context of the judgment of the Ad Hoc

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Requirements Committee that by all odds as between them the Western USSR list is more important. In other words, the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee feels strongly that, from the point of view of intelligence needs, the Western USSR targets justify the risk involved in penetration much more than the high priority targets for the Far East. Or in a nutshell, high priority for the two areas have different levels of significance.

4. High Priority Targets for the European Satellite Area

The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee does not recommend coverage of these targets except incident to penetration of the Western USSR because it is their belief that the risk involved is too great to warrant coverage of these targets on their own. Section A of this list is made up of SACEUR targets which are chosen by the Joint Command for carrying out its mission. This list does not include any targets heretofore covered in the course of earlier missions. Section B of this list includes targets which have previously been covered or inadequately covered or important but lower priority targets which have not yet been covered. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee recommends that Operations be guided in its mission planning by Section A in the first instance and Section B insofar as feasible.

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